

MULTIDISCIPLINARY PROTOCOL FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF CHILD ABUSE



NAVAJO COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

JUNE 2013 - JUNE 2014

SUMMARY:

ARS §§8-817 REQUIRES EACH COUNTY TO SUBMIT A REPORT BASED UPON ACTIVITY UNDER THE "MULTIDISCIPLINARY PROTOCOL FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF CHILD ABUSE." NAVAJO COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND THE NAVAJO COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE HAVE TRACKED THE NUMBERS OF THESE CASES BETWEEN JUNE 2013 – JUNE 2014.

NAVAJO COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE (NCAO) ACTIVITY CHART:

THE CHART BELOW REPRESENTS NCAO'S CRIMINAL CONDUCT ALLEGATIONS RELATED TO INVESTIGATIONS OF CHILD ABUSE, INCLUDING MULTIPLE ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES.

NAVAJO COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE	SUBMITTALS BY A.R.S CHARGE	CRIMINAL CONDUCT ALLEGATION CHARGES FILED	CASES NOT CHARGED	CASES PENDING CHARGING	DISPOSITION BY A.R.S CHARGE
<u>TOTAL CASES</u>	97	48	13	35	14-17

SUBMITTALS BY A.R.S CHARGE:

NUMBER OF CASES TOTAL (97) SUBMITTED BY LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES FOR REVIEW. (PLEASE SEE PAGE 2 FOR INCLUDED AGENCIES)

CRIMINAL CONDUCT ALLEGATION CHARGES FILED:

(48) THIS NUMBER REPRESENTS CASES THAT WERE SUBMITTED AND CHARGED BY NCAO.

CASES NOT CHARGED:

13 CASES WERE NOT CHARGED; CAN INCLUDE CASES THAT WERE RETURNED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION, LACK OF EVIDENCE, COMBINED WITH ANOTHER CASE, OR REFERRED TO ANOTHER AGENCY FOR PROSECUTION.

DISPOSITIONS:

A TOTAL OF 14-17 CASES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED BY CONVICTION.

NAVAJO COUNTY LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTICIPANTS IN MDT, JUNE 2012 – JUNE 2013

AGENCY	TOTAL # OF CASES INVESTIGATED	# OF CASES SENT TO NCAO	# OF CASES JOINTLY INVESTIGATED WITH NCAO(EST.)	# OF CASES STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION
NAVAJO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	53	17	53	10
HOLBROOK POLICE DEPARTMENT	34	14	7	4
WINSLOW POLICE DEPARTMENT	76	24	42	18
SHOW LOW POLICE DEPARTMENT	65	24	25	5
SNOWFLAKE/TAYLOR POLICE DEPARTMENT	45	14	15	12
PINETOP/LAKESIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT	14	4	6	2
TOTALS	287 CASES INVESTIGATED IN NAVAJO COUNTY FOR CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN	97 CASES THAT WERE SENT TO THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR REVIEW	148 CASES ESTIMATED THAT WERE JOINTLY INVESTIGATED BY NCAO AND LOCAL AGENCY	51 CASES ARE STILL OPEN AND ARE PENDING INVESTIGATION

NAVAJO COUNT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE GOALS AND IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE COMING YEAR:

- CONTINUE TO IMPROVE OUR MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM.
- CONTINUE TO CONDUCT OUR MONTHLY MDT MEETINGS.
- CONTINUE TO FULLY UTILIZE OUR FAMILY ADVOCACY CENTERS.
- WORK CLOSER WITH OUR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.
- ENCOURAGE MORE USAGE OF OUR FAMILY ADVOCACY CENTER BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SAFETY.
- DEVELOPE A TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS TO BECOME TRAINED VICTIM ADVOCATES.
- ENCOURAGE MORE CASES FROM AGENCIES TO BE SENT IN TO THE NAVAJO COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR REVIEW.
- CONDUCT 2 TRAININGS A YEAR FOR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO IMPROVE INVESTIGATIONS OF CHILD SEX CRIMES.

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